

Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend

June 12 & 13, 2010

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. The Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend will be held on Minnitaki, Abram, Pelican and Botsford lakes, referred to as MAPB lakes. This is a CATCH AND KEEP fishing tournament, held over 2 days with 2 people per boat. There will be a 4 walleye daily boat limit, which includes 3 under slot size and 1 over slot size, or 4 under slot size. Slot size on MAPB lakes is 18.1 inches to 20.9 inches or 46-53 cm, any fish in slot size must be released. A total of the 2-day weights will determine the winner.

2. The Walleye Director (person in charge of the overall tournament) can delay or shorten the tournament due to weather or other safety issues.

a) All waters accessible by boat on MAPB lakes are deemed tournament waters except those listed as fish sanctuaries in the fishing regulations.

b) The tournament committee has the right to alter or restrict tournament waters with prompt notice to all registered/paid teams.

c) The Walleye Director has the right to allow video, photographers or other sources of media into designated boats.

d) All participants must purchase a boat launch sticker, which is a municipal by-law. Any vehicles using or parked at a boat launch will be ticketed if they do not have a sticker. 1 day pass \$5.00; week pass \$15.00; season pass \$35.

3. The Sioux Lookout Walleye Tournament Committee, its promoters, sponsors, organizers, hosts, directors, officers and affiliated organizations assisting the running of this tournament, are not responsible for any death, injury, damage, liability, fire, theft, or loss that may occur prior to, during or after the tournament however caused. All participants must sign a registration form, as well as, a release and indemnification agreement.

4. All participants must be 18 years of age or older, if under age the participant must be accompanied by a person over the age of 18.

a) Those under 18 must provide written permission upon registration, from their guardian or parent.

5. All participants must, at all times, have a valid Ontario fishing licence or a Status card (Treaty 3) in their possession.

6. The Sioux Lookout Walleye Tournament Committee shall refuse entry of an individual or team for any reason that they deem appropriate.

7. The Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend is limited to the first 50 registered/paid teams. There will be a 10% overflow, which will allow 5 extra boats, for a total of 55.

8. All fees and prizes are to be paid in Canadian currency. The entry fee for the Sioux Lookout Walleye weekend is \$400.00 per team, plus \$20.00 to entry the big fish competition.

a) The day 1 and 2 starting position will be based on time and date of your teams full payment and registration. If you are registered 1st your team leaves 1st both days.

b) Your team may withdraw from the tournament with written notice up until May 30, 2010. The entry fee, minus a \$100.00 non-refundable portion will be returned to team the captain.

c) Entry fees will be locked in as of 6pm, June 7, 2010. Cancellation after this date will require a medical certificate. The entry fee, minus a \$200.00 non-refundable portion will be returned to the team captain.

9. Please make cheques payable to the "Sioux Lookout Anglers and Hunters, Box 1268 Sioux Lookout, Ontario P8T 1B8; or you can register at AI's Sports Excellence, 84 Front Street, Sioux Lookout, Ontario; or phone 807-737-1323 and ask for Cory.

a) Rules can also be viewed on our web page at www.siouxlookoutanglershunters.ca.

10. All participants must stop pre-fishing Friday June 11, 2010 by 5pm; violation will result in your team paying a \$50.00 fine and starting as the last boat of last flight.

a) It is prohibited to move fish from one part of the lake to another during pre-fishing; violation will result in team disqualification.

11. The rules meeting will be held on Friday June 11, 2010, from 6pm to 8pm (downstairs at the Sioux Lookout Royal Canadian Legion 86 Front Street).

a) One or both members of each team must be in attendance. Failure to do so will require your team to attend a special session at 9am on day 1 at the Town Dock, before delinquent teams can begin fishing. These meetings are important, as any rule changes will be gone over, team motor tags and starting times will be given out. Failure to show up at either rules meeting will result in team disqualification and the forfeiture of your team's entire entry fee.

12. Each team must return and check into the corral area (as designated in rules) at the town beach, for every minute a team is late a 1/4 pound (4 ounce) will be taken off their total, after 5 minutes the fish for that day will not be weighed.

a) Each team, whether weighing fish or not, must, at the end of each day, report to the official tournament weigh-in station. The penalty for failing to report at the end of day one will be a 2-hour delayed start the following day. The penalty for failing to report on day 2 will be immediate forfeiture of any prizes won up to that point.

13. Only Walleye caught during tournament hours will qualify for weigh-in.

14. A total daily limit of 4 walleye per boat will be weighed, 3 under slot and 1 over, or 4 under slot size. Your boat may possess only 4 fish at any time. Your boat may weigh-in one walleye per day for biggest fish competition if your team is entered in this contest.

15. Fish baskets or bags will be provided at weigh-in. Teams can come in and weigh fish starting at 11am on each day of the Tournament.

a) A boat number will be provided to you at the rules meeting. Your team will use this number for the order that participants leave the corral area to start their fishing day, you will use this team number every time you come in to weigh a fish.

16. After 3:00 PM checker boats will be in the corral area and will direct boats by team number to the weigh in area. Your team cannot proceed to the weigh station without consent from the checker boat official. This is done so there is no confusion and things run in an orderly manner. All participants will carry fish from their boat to the weigh station for weigh in. Participants will keep each day's limit, for their own consumption, a limit per person.

17. All weights called by the weigh-in judges will be final and are not contestable.

18. A team member will have to sign the weigh-in sheet after the weigh-in judge has called their team weight for that day.

a) Once your team has weighed in, your boat must leave the dock and corral area, failure to leave can result in a 4 oz deduction in that day's weight.

b) On June 12 & 13, 2010 participants are not allowed to fish or boat on the MAPB lakes outside of tournament hours.

19. Fish that have been altered, tampered with, injected with water or a foreign matter will result in the team's disqualification. A metal detector, magnet and lie detector may be used. The walleye director and tournament volunteers have the right to gut and fillet participants fish to check for foreign matter.

20) All walleye caught within the slot size must be released immediately.

- a) All walleye that are kept for weigh-in must be held in a cooler and on ice at all times during tournament hours.
- b) Coloured tags for fish will be handed out at boat inspections. Each fish must be tagged through the mouth and gill and zipped closed. Any excess tags must be returned at the end of the day when participants weigh in their fish.

21. The tournament walleye director shall disallow the use of any boat, motor or equipment that is deemed unsafe, inappropriate or unsuitable.

a) Minimum size of boat is 14'. No houseboats or similar cumbersome craft will be allowed, unless permission by the walleye committee is granted.

b) Boats must meet all safety measures stated by law such as, life jackets for each person, safety kit, bail bucket etc.

c) Tags will be assigned at the rules meeting and must be placed on both sides of the motor so registered boats can be identified by tournament spot checkers. These tags cannot be removed for any reason, during the tournament.

22. It is up to tournament participant to be in the water and have their boat inspected at the town beach dock, before the 7 AM start time.

a) Boat inspections will be conducted at the town dock, please have all coolers, live wells and any other compartments open. Both team members must be present in the team boat for inspections.

b) This tournament is a trickle start. At 7 AM boats will be released by the main checker boat. Please idle past checker boat, once you pass the boat you may accelerate and begin your fishing day.

c) If a team leaves the corral area without being inspected or checked off by the official checker boat, their day's weight will be disqualified.

d) There will be NO FISHING in the corral area. The corral area will be shown on the maps provided.

e) All boats registered in the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend cannot be used on MAPB lakes after 5pm on Friday, June 11, 2010 as well as, before and after tournament hours. Your boat must be removed from the water or anchored to a dock or shore after tournament hours.

f) Day 1 and 2 starting times are based on your registration number.

g) The leader board will be located at the weigh in station at the town beach; or check on line at www.siouxlookoutanglershunters.ca for standings and weights.

23. It is forbidden to offer, take or suggest to any other competitor or other person (outside your boat) an exchange of fish or information for any reason.

a) All participants must remain a safe and courteous distance from other participants, and must be considerate of non-participant boats. If your team leaves an area all buoys must be removed from the water.

b) During tournament hours, cell phones are only permitted for emergency use. Emergency cell number is 807-738-1550 ask for Cory. The walleye director and all checker boats will have cell phones and all participants will have the walleye directors cell number. The use of CB radios and two-way radios is not allowed during tournament hour by participants.

c) Participants are expected to cooperate, as much as possible, with official video and still photography personnel, as well as, any other form of media in relation to the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend.

24. All participants must practice safe boating at all times. Participants cannot leave their boats except in the case of a thunderstorm, lightning or severe weather. Participants may head to the nearest shoreline in the above instances, until it is safe to resume fishing. Participants can come ashore at the town dock to use the washrooms.

a) Participants are not allowed to troll or anchor under any bridge or thorough way on MAPB lakes. This includes Iron Bridge, Frog Rapids Bridge, the Chutes, Superior Junction Bridge and the train bridge on Botsford.

b) Participants must wear a CSA approved life vest or floatation device when traveling from one location to another.

25. The walleye spot checker boats are prohibited from towing any participants boat during tournament hours.

a) If the participants make it back in time for weigh-in their weight for that day will count. For every minute late it is a 1/4 lb deduction, and if the participants are more than 5 minutes late, their team weight will be disqualified for that day.

b) If a participant breaks down, they may phone the walleye director and ask for a spot checker boat to come and pick up one team member and their fish to be brought in to the weigh station. This courtesy will only be available up to 3pm on each day.

26. Participants must know all the tournament rules, and follow the Ontario sport fishing regulations and Canadian coast guard regulations.

a) Participants are not allowed to exchange items or information, as well as, receive items or information from another boat during tournament hours, with the exception of official checker boats.

b) Boats can be inspected at anytime during tournament hours, on or off the water, tournament officials may come along side and check any boat at anytime during the tournament. Tournament officials may board a boat during the tournament, to check for adherence to all tournament rules.

c) Participants and non-participants cannot hold a spot on the water for another team.

27. Live bait, artificial bait, and depth finders are allowed in this tournament. The use of under water cameras is NOT allowed.

28. Angling for fish is defined as the use of a rod and reel with fishing line, hooks and bait, no other means of catching fish is allowed.

29. Any participant caught cheating will have their whole team disqualified. This is a fun, respectful tournament, and responsibility falls on all participants to follow the rules.

a) A team has the right to appeal a disqualification decision to the "tournament protest and appeals committee". This appeal must be filed 15 minutes after weigh-in at the Angler Services tent (located at the Town Dock).

b) Each team leader has the right to file a protest if they have witnessed a rule violation. Photographic or video evidence must accompany any protest of rule violations.

c) A \$200.00 fee must accompany all protests.

d) Witnesses may be called and the protest and appeals committee will view any photographs or video. Interpretation of the rules will be based on their spirit and intent.

e) If the protest is found to be valid, the protest fee will be returned to the team leader. If the protest fee is determined to be invalid, the protest fee will not be returned, and the protesting team will have to pay for any investigation costs.

f) Teams may be disqualified from the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend for major infraction of the rules and will not receive a refund of their entry fee. Examples are, unsafe boating practices, gross angling ethics violation and other violations that clearly give the competitor an unfair or illegal advantage over other competitors. Other violations include, movement of fish, fishing out of bounds, caged fish, netting of fish, exchange of fish between teams or non-competitors and the use of under water cameras.

30. Inbounds- All of Minnitaki, Abram, Pelican and Botsford Lakes. All participants must respect any fish sanctuaries and other regulations for these lakes.

31. Out of bounds- Pelican Falls. English river, Rice river and Red Pine Bay (which are part of Minnitaki) are closed due to fish sanctuary.

32. A tie will be decided by the team that has the highest single day recorded weight of the tournament.

a) Ties for all other positions will be settled by combining the prize money for the positions in question and dividing it equally amongst the teams.

33. Participants may come ashore at the town beach or dock within the corral area, to purchase food and drink from vendors, at any time during the tournament hours.

34. Have fun, enjoy the outdoors, promote ethical fishing, respect our natural resources, and be kind and polite to your fellow participants and non-participants.